a. the number of books in the lending and reference library attached to High School, Trichur, in 1924 and 1927;

b. whether any information came to the notice of the Government regarding certain irregularities in the library of the said school;

c. whether any departmental enquiry was held on the strength of the information;

d. whether any books were found missing; and if so, the names and the cost of them;

e. whether it is a fact that the Headmaster and the clerk of the said school were made liable for the cost; if not, why not;

f. whether any one of the missing books have since reappeared in the library and whether any other books were found missing instead in the course of 1105; if the answer to (1) be in the negative, why not;

3. in view of the answers to the questions (1) and (2) and sub-divisions, do the Government contemplate taking steps to prevent such irregularities being repeated; and if so, what definite instructions have been issued by the Government to Headmasters of all schools in the State; if not, why not?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) a. 1924—6041.
1927—6459.

b. Yes.

c. Yes.

d. Yes. (vide list placed on the Council table).

e. Yes.

f. Yes. Some missing books were traced out, while a few others were found missing.

3. Steps have already been taken. Stringent orders have been issued to the heads of high schools to verify the list of library books once in every half-year and to submit a 'Return' showing the results of such verification.

Holiday on Amavasya.

210. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

a. the names of Sirkar schools which do not give half-holiday during the Amavasya days;

b. the names of aided schools which do not give half-holiday during Amavasya;

c. whether the Sirkar school at Kolippara in Chittur Taluk held classes in the forenoon during Amavasya; if so, the number of times classes were held on such days during last year?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—a. M. S. Vannanmadai. (Works from 11 a. m. to 4 p. m.)

b. 1. St. Mary's L. S. G. School, Kulikkattusseri.

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2. Day School, Vellarakad.
3. Aided School, Vennur.

c. Yes ; once on 16th Kanni 1105.

Bhajana Mutt Temple, Chalakkudi.

211. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the name of the person who performed the പ്രതിഷ്ഠ ceremony of the Bhajana Mutt temple in the Pulaya Colony at Chalakkudi and how much money was paid him for same ;

(b) who all were present at the time of പ്രതിഷ്ഠ ;

(c) whether Depressed Class people were allowed to remain either within the sanctum sanctorum or very near that place during the actual ceremony ;

(d) is it a fact that the Depressed Class people were asked to stand at a distance to prevent the Thantry from pollusion at the time of പ്രതിഷ്ഠ? -

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Puliyannur Vishnu Nambuthiripad. Rs. 18 as Thantry dakshina.

(b) The then Protector of the Depressed Classes, the Comptroller of Accounts, the Conservator of Forests, the Assistant to the Protector, the teachers of the Pulaya Colony School and a few caste and non-caste Hindus in the neighbourhood.

(c) They were allowed to remain in the front yard of the temple.

(d) Vide answer to (c).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Where were the Protector of the Depressed Classes and his Assistant at the time of പ്രതിഷ്ഠ ? What was the distance ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Where were the Depressed Class people standing?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—They were standing in the front yard of the temple, about 30 feet from the sanctum.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So, were they farther away from where the Depressed Classes were standing?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice again.

Books—Text Book Committee—Board of Studies.

212. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

a. whether it is not the rule to prescribe for study in schools of the State such books as are accepted by the Text Book Committee and recommended by the Board of Studies ;

b. whether the Government have deviated from this rule during the last 3 years ;

c. if so, when and for what reasons ;

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